Establishment of Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth

*329. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Prime Minister, late Smt. Indira Gandhi, had announced that a Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth would soon be established especially to facilitate the study of Hindi by foreign students;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Sub-Committee had considered the suggestion of UGC Chairman in August, 1988 that such a Hindi University was not desirable;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the light of the deliberations of this Sub-Committee, Government have studied the Draft-Bill; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) On the basis of a decision taken in the Meeting of Karya Karini Upa Samiti of Hindi Shiksha Samiti held on 15.9.1983, a Sub-Committee was constituted to examine the proposal for establishment of the Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth. At the time of inauguration of the 3rd World Hindi Conference on 28.10.1983, the late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi, in her inaugural speech, made reference to the constitution of this Sub-Committee.

The views of the University Grants Commission were invited on the proposal. The Chairman, as well as the Commission have not favoured the proposal. The Sub-Committee for the establishment of the Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth, having examined the matter again in the light of the views of the University Grants Commission and its Chairman, has urged for the establishment of the Vidyapeeth.

The whole matter is being examined keeping in view the stand on the matter taken by the UGC, its Chairman and the Sub-Committee, the overall resource constraints and the likelihood of protagonists of the other modern Indian Languages making demands for establishment of similar Universities for promotion and development of these languages.

Demands and Grievances of Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers

*330. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association had submitted a Memorandum to him in New Delhi some time back;

(b) what are the details of the demands and grievances of Kendriya Vidayalaya teachers contained therein; and

(c) what action has since been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) A memorandum dated 21-11-88 was submitted to the Minister of Human Resource Development by All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association. Their main demands were as under:—

(i) Revision of pay-structure and scales as per recommendations of Chattopadhyaya Commission.

(ii) Immediate implementation of other recommendations of the said Commission.

(iii) Acceptance of 11-point charter of demands of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association.

(iv) Setting up of a Committee to look into instances of multifaceted administrative corruption that is plaguing Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(v) Provision for involvement of teachers in the administration of the Kendriya Vidyalayas and the Sangathan at different levels.

Keeping in view the recommendations of the National Commission on Teachers. (I) the Fourth Central Pay Commission and provisions of National Policy on Education, the pay scales of teachers in Union Territories and Government of India's autonomous bodies including Kendriya Vidyalayas have been revised by the Government on 12.8.87.

Joint Consultative Machinery for the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been set up which provides the forum for consultation between the associations and the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The Association can appropriately discuss all its demands in Joint Consultative Machinery.

Frequent Fire Incidents at Sahar Airport

*331. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sahar Airport is suffering from some kind of structural deficiency causing frequent fire incidents; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Meetings of Advisory Committees of Indian Council for Cultural Relations

*332. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no meetings of the Advisory Committees of Indian Council for Cultural Relations have been held during the year 1989;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the approximate dates for the holding of the next meetings of various Advisory Committees of Indian Council for Cultural Relations; and

(d) whether any proposals are pending with Government to invite foreign cultural troupes to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) There are, in all, ten advisory panels to deal with music, dance, theatre etc. One more panel is being established. These panels meet as and when necessary. For example, advisory panels for music and dance met in January 89 and that for contemporary arts and crafts in May, 89.

(d) The Government of Orissa has accepted ICCR's proposal for the visit of a Puppet Group from USSR in August, 89.